

### **South Dakota Dicamba Update**

SDABA has had the opportunity to meet with South Dakota Department of Ag Secretary, Mike Jaspers, and representatives from BASF and Monsanto to discuss dicamba product registrations. The South Dakota labels were granted for one year and are set to expire on December 31, 2017. SDABA was able to address the need for timely approval of labels for dicamba products and the need for training opportunities.

SDABA is planning to assist in the training requirements for Engenia, Xtendimax and FeXapan since the new labels will require that applicators be certified as a commercial or private applicator in order to purchase these products, and that they receive specific dicamba training in order to apply these products in 2018.

The first training session will be held during Ag Expo from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on Thursday, January 18th. In addition, SDABA is working with SDDA and SDSU to provide training after the recertification sessions that are held across the state in January and February. Stay tuned for details!

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### **Watch your Mail for Ag Expo Registration Information – CHAMPIONS FOR AGRICULTURE**

The Trade Show is filling up and the schedule is set for an amazing TWO days – January 17-18 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center! Highlights include:

- Screening of the movie FOOD EVOLUTION
  - National associations will address Half Time in the 115th Congress – Looking back at 2017, Previewing 2018 and how YOU can play a role in advocacy.
  - Nationally known speaker, Michele Payn will present Celebrate the People, Promise and Passion of Agriculture.
  - FIRST TIME EVER Party in the Trade Show on Wednesday Afternoon!
  - Songblast Dueling Guitars will headline the Wednesday social with fun and food!
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## 2018 TAL (Tomorrow's Agriculture Leaders) Class is Named

SDABA is pleased you announce that ten applicants were selected for the first-ever TAL Class! The following SDABA members make up the 2018 TAL Class:

Kyle Gustafson, Winfield United  
Eric Miedema, SDWG  
John Muske, CHS Inc.  
Chris Redfield, Winfield United  
Eric Paulson, NCFE  
Mark Schaffner, CHS Inc.  
Matt Thompson, FMC  
Jordan Thull, Legend Seeds  
Kristyne Thull, Legend Seeds  
Tara Tschetter, NCFE

The TAL Program has been established to identify emerging leaders in South Dakota's agribusiness industry. Three sessions will be held throughout the year and it is designed to provide an opportunity for professional growth while exploring several critical areas regarding policy, legislation and regulatory matters.

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## SDABA Joins Broad Agriculture Coalition Against California's Flawed Prop 65

Monsanto is joining a broad coalition of agriculture groups from across the country to challenge the constitutionality of California's unjustified listing of the herbicide glyphosate as a substance "known to the state of California to cause cancer" under Proposition 65 (Prop 65). This case was filed last week in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California.

Because of California's unjustified listing of glyphosate in July 2017, manufacturers of products containing glyphosate, or products with even trace residues of glyphosate, sold in California could be required to affix a false and misleading warning label to their products starting in 2018. This labeling requirement would not only impact Monsanto and its Roundup-branded products, but also other glyphosate-based herbicides produced by other companies, the crops grown by U.S. farmers who use the herbicide, and food products derived from those crops. The consequences of this labeling requirement could be significant, including higher production and compliance costs that translate into higher prices for consumers at the grocery store.

Leading the farmers' coalition are the National Association of Wheat Growers, the National Corn Growers Association, Associated Industries of Missouri, Iowa Soybean Association, Agribusiness Association of Iowa, Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Missouri Farm Bureau, North Dakota Grain Growers Association, **South Dakota Agri-Business Association** and the United States Durum Growers Association and Western Plant Health Association.

In July 2017, California added glyphosate to the Prop 65 list, stating that the substance is "known to the state of California to cause cancer." In taking this unjustified action, California ignored its own

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regulatory agency's scientific conclusions, as well as safety assessments conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), European regulators, and every other regulatory body in the world – all of which have concluded that glyphosate is safe for use and not carcinogenic. This was reinforced just last week when the largest epidemiological study ever conducted on glyphosate and farmers published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, concluding there is no link between glyphosate and any form of cancer.

California's unjustified listing was based solely on a highly controversial and deeply flawed 2015 opinion by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC). Recent investigations have shown that IARC members concealed and manipulated data that would have undermined IARC's opinion. IARC's flawed opinion and non-transparent process have come under investigation by the U.S. Congress.

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### **Registration is Open for the 2017 Agronomy Conference**

The 16th Annual Agronomy Conference is scheduled for December 13-14 at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. You won't want to miss the great line up of speakers and topics, including the following:

- Continuing the Quest for High Yield Corn and Soybean, Fred Below, University of IL
- Impact of 4R Nitrogen Management in Drainage Water, Matt Helmers, IA State
- Rethinking Sprayer Cleanout AND Lessons Learned from Truck Accidents, Fred Whitford, Purdue
- Managing Weather Risk: Tools of the Trade, Eric Snodgrass, University of IL
- Late Vegetative Nitrogen Applications for High Yield Corn, Tony Vyn, Purdue
- PLUS, Department of Ag Update; Dicamba Updates; New Planter Technologies; Making the 4Rs Work; and many more great sessions.

4 Ways to Register....

- Online: [www.sdaba.org](http://www.sdaba.org)
- Phone: 605/224-2445, have your credit card information ready.
- Fax: 605/224-9913, the form coming to you in the mail.
- Mail: SDABA, 320 E Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501, the form coming to you in the mail.

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### **CCA CORNER**

- **February Exam Registration Open thru December 8th!** CCA Exam Registration for the International and Local Board certifications is open October 2 - December 8, 2017. Emails have been sent to those who need to retake an exam. All registration, performance objectives, study materials, and workshops are posted on the CCA Exam page. Please

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promote to anyone interested in becoming certified!

- **2018 Renewals Ready to Pay** Renewals for 2018 are available to pay. Two emails have been sent to pay online, and printed invoices will be sent to those who have not paid in early December. Renewals are due by January 31, 2018 or a late fee will be applied.

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## Calendar

### NOVEMBER

23 & 24 - SDABA Office Closed for Thanksgiving

### DECEMBER

5 & 6 - [Ag Horizons Conference, Pierre, SD](#)

8 - [CCA Exam Registration Deadline](#)

13 & 14 - [Agronomy Conference, Sioux Falls Convention Center](#)

15 & 16 - Office Closed for Christmas

### JANUARY

1 - Office Closed - Happy New Year!

9 - [93rd South Dakota Legislature Opens](#)

17 - SDABA Board of Directors Meeting, Sioux Falls

17 & 18 - [Ag Expo 2018](#), Sioux Falls Convention Center

24 & 25 - 2018 TAL Class Session One, Pierre

### MARCH

9 - Last day of the main run of the [2018 Legislative Session](#)

26 - VETO Day for the [2018 Legislative Session](#)

### JULY

22 thru 26 - 2018 TAL Class Session Two, Washington DC

### 2019

January 16-17, 2019 - Ag Expo 2019, Sioux Falls Convention Center

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